IDAPA 26 - Parks and Recreation

26.01.20 - Rules Governing the Administration of Park and Recreation Areas and Facilities

DOCKET NO.

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - PROPOSED RULE

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section(s) 67-4210, 67-4223, and 67-4249. Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be held as follows:

October 21, 2013 (Monday); 6 PM – 8 PM; 5657 Warm Springs Ave, Boise, Idaho October 23, 2013 (Wednesday); 6 PM – 8 PM; 2885 Kathleen Ave, Suite 1, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho October 24, 2013 (Thursday); 6 PM – 8 PM; 4279 Commerce Circle, Suite B, Idaho Falls, Idaho

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made no later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation proposes changes to IDAPA 26, Title 1, Chapter 20, Section 250.01 to increase the IDAPA approved Fee Caps by \$10 per night for all Idaho state park campsites and by \$50 per night for Idaho state park Camper Cabins and Yurts.

In order to allow time for user notification and system implementation it is further requested that if approved these rule changes go into effect on Tuesday, July 1, 2014.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased:

The rule changes requested are to increase the IDAPA approved Fee Caps by \$10 per night for all Idaho state park campsites and by \$50 per night for Idaho state park Camper Cabins and Yurts, as demonstrated in the following table:

| Campsite Type | Current IDAPA Approved Fee | Proposed IDAPA Fee |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Primitive Campsite | \$13.00 | \$23.00 |
| Standard Campsite | \$16.00 | \$26.00 |
| Serviced Campsite/W | \$20.00 | \$30.00 |
| Serviced Campsite/E | \$20.00 | \$30.00 |
| Serviced Campsite/W, E | \$24.00 | \$34.00 |
| Serviced Campsite/W, E, SWR | \$26.00 | \$36.00 |
| Companion Campsite | Site type x 2 | Site type x 2 |
| Camper Cabins and Yurts | \$150.00 | \$200.00 |

The adjustments are necessary in order for Parks and Recreation to apply the following fee changes:

- Increase the fee charged for all serviced campsite types by \$2 per night for all camping customers
- Increase the fee charged for all campsites by an additional \$3 per night for all non-resident camping customers.
- Increase the fee charged for all camper cabins and yurts by an additional \$5 per night for all non-resident camping customers.
- Increase the fee charged for all other overnight facilities (Deluxe Cabins, Cottages, Houses, Group Yurts, Lodges, and Lodge Rooms) and group campsites by an additional 10% per night for all non-resident camping customers.

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year as a result of this rulemaking:

As a direct result of the fees requested, we are unable to provide a reasonable forecast for future usage numbers for this fiscal impact statement. We cannot predict how many of our customers will be able to continue to consider camping in Idaho's state parks an affordable option. As such, the fiscal impact assumes no decrease in occupancy and has been calculated against averaged site usage using the past three years' occupancy. Revenue potential is \$347,149. The potential revenue generated is split as follows:

- \$156,839 calculated for a \$2 per night increase to the rate charged for all serviced campsite types for all resident and non-resident camping customers.
- \$190,310 calculated for fee increases for non-resident camping customers for all overnight stays on all individual and group campsites and facilities.

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Section 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was not conducted as the changes being requested were first submitted as Temporary Rules. Upon notification that the Temporary Rules were denied, the agency immediately scheduled public hearings.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule: Not Applicable

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Tammy L. Kolsky, 208-514-2427.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding the proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before Monday, October 28, 2013.

DATED this September 3, 2014

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